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NECROLOGY.

Richard Lathers, sometime colonel of South Carolina militia, and a member of the South Carolina Historical Society, died at his home, 248 Central Park West, New York City, on Thursday, September 17, 1903, and was buried at New Rochelle, N. Y., on the 19th. He was born in Ireland on Christmas Day, 1821, and was brought to America six months later by his parents, who settled at Georgetown, S. C. He attended school at Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., and subsequently was employed by Fraser, Trenholm & Co., cotton factors, of Charleston, who sent him to New York as their agent in 1843. In 1850 he went out of the mercantile business and founded the Great Western Insurance Company, with which he continued for nineteen years. He subsequently became prominent in railway affairs. In 1860 he made a tour of a part of the South in a futile effort to stem the tide of secession, making addresses in Richmond, Charleston, Augusta, Savannah and Montgomery, and was speaking at Mobile when the news of the attack on Fort Sumter arrived and put an immediate end to his speech. He went abroad and made speeches in behalf of the United States, but at the close of the war used his best efforts to bring about good feelings between the sections and to secure justice for the people of South Carolina in their struggle against that frightful demon of destruction—Reconstruction. Col. Lathers was a member of several social and patriotic societies in this State and in New York City.
